European Coastal Civilizations

Lisbon • Oporto • Santiago de Compostela • Bilbao
Normandy Beaches • River Thames and London

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star Le Dumont d’Urville

D-Day Remembered
Featuring Guest Speaker
Dwight David Eisenhower II
accompanying you to the Normandy Beaches

May 2 to 11, 2022

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

From the old-world sophistication of Portugal and the artistic verve of Spain’s Basque country to the Celtic heritage of northwestern France and the regal majesty of London, a riveting canvas of influential seaports awaits you along Europe’s Atlantic coastline. Neoclassical palaces, medieval castles and Romanesque cathedrals illuminate the enduring cultural legacies of European Coastal Civilizations that have played a pivotal role in world history. This exclusive, Five-Star, small ship itinerary includes an excursion to the solemn shores of Normandy to honor and remember the historic D-Day invasion. Accompanying us to the Normandy beaches is special guest speaker David Eisenhower, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower—Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces during World War II.

Cruise for eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Dumont d’Urville, featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony. Dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels and enjoy the advantages of small ship cruising—stately ocean-view accommodations, enriching excursions and attentive, personal service.

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the astonishing island monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel, the jewel of medieval France; the Christian world’s third holiest city of Santiago de Compostela, where you will walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims to visit the tomb of Saint James; and spirited Oporto, the center of world-famous port wine and exemplary Moorish-influenced architecture. Cruise Spain’s ruggedly beautiful Costa Verde, tour Frank Gehry’s visionary Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and cruise up the River Thames to spend one night aboard ship a mere stone’s throw from the illustrious Tower Bridge in the heart of London. Our cruise, hotel and motorcoach suppliers are health- and safety-conscious and have addressed these concerns. This popular program features an included cultural excursion in each port and is an excellent value, so we urge you to reserve now while space and welcome back savings are available.

Sincerely,

Gilda Machin-Scarpaci
Special Events Coordinator
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The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Remnants from D-Day are still visible at a man-made Mulberry harbor used on the Normandy beaches.
U.S./Lisbon, Portugal
Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3
Depart the U.S. and arrive the next day in Lisbon, Portugal’s enigmatic capital city, replete with pastel-flushed buildings and world-class architecture, and embark the Five-Star Le Dumont-d’Urville.

Leixões for Oporto
Wednesday, May 4
Dock in Leixões and transfer to Oporto, a former Celtic hamlet, then Roman outpost and center of the port wine trade since the 13th century. The cultural legacy of the Moors—who occupied Spain and Portugal from A.D. 711 to 1492—finds expression in Oporto’s rich architectural details, including famed azulejos with Moorish geometric and floral motifs. The city is indelibly influenced by Greek and Roman heritages, the Moorish period and a coalescence of faiths, creating a culture of tolerance in which the disciplines of mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, art and architecture flourished.

Fall under the spell of Ribeira, Oporto’s historical center, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site for its extraordinary architectural timeline and living history status. For 2,000 years, the cultural and commercial growth of Portus Cale (so named by the Romans) has been inextricably linked to the sea. Experience daily rituals unfolding along a tangle of medieval alleyways where splendid spires, Baroque domes and Neoclassical mansions form a timeless silhouette. Visit the Gothic Igreja de São Francisco, hailed for its lavish gold-plated Baroque interior, and the Neoclassical Palácio da Bolsa, where the swirling arabesques and ornate stained glass of the gilded Arabian Hall were inspired by the Alhambra in Granada.

Cover photo: Europe’s highest tidal variations occur in the bay surrounding the Mont-Saint-Michel monastery.
Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner this evening.

A Coruña, Spain, for Santiago de Compostela
Thursday, May 5
Travel into the oak- and pine-forested hills of Galicia, one of the 17 autonomous communities of Spain. Golden-hued granite buildings and magnificent arcaded squares grace Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site and arguably Spain’s most beautiful city. Stroll along medieval pedestrian stone streets to the expansive Praza do Obradoiro flanked by the glorious Romanesque cathedral. A pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages and the final stop on the Camino de Santiago, the cathedral enshrines the tomb of Saint James and is recognized for its intricately carved Baroque façade, original medieval portico and glittering Churrigueresque altar.

Santander for Bilbao
Friday, May 6
From Santander, transfer to dynamic and exuberant Bilbao, encircled by the verdant Basque Mountains. The construction of Frank Gehry’s titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum in 1997 hailed the city’s cultural renaissance as modernist marvels from Santiago Calatrava and Philippe Starck redefined the post-industrial skyline. Enjoy a guided tour of the Guggenheim’s renowned modern and contemporary art collection, explore the Art Nouveau and Baroque jewels of Bilbao’s historical Casco Viejo and walk along the Paseo del Arenal, a promenade for Bilbaínos’ leisurely evening strolls.

Cruising the Bay of Biscay
Saturday, May 7
Enjoy exclusive lectures on board the ship while cruising the Bay of Biscay.

Saint-Malo, France, for Mont-Saint-Michel
Sunday, May 8
Rising from a tidal plain that appears to be suspended above the sea, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Mont-Saint-Michel is a sight of soaring spires isolated beyond a stretch of saltwater marsh. The seat of its namesake Benedictine monastery since the early eighth century, this fortified village began as a humble oratory and became a renowned medieval center of learning. Narrow cobblestone streets weave through the village, culminating in the Abbaye du Mont-Saint-Michel, a three-story Gothic masterpiece. Admire the serene cloisters, barrel-roofed réfectoire and Gothic Salle des Hôtes of the 13th-century La Merveille and the magnificent Église Abbatiale with a transept that rests on solid rock.

Caen for the Normandy Beaches
Monday, May 9
Dock in Caen and make the solemn pilgrimage to the historic Normandy beaches, site of the largest seaborne invasion in history. In the company of Professor Eisenhower, walk where Allied forces landed on D-Day.

At Pointe du Hoc, envision the heroic U.S. Army Second Ranger Battalion scaling this cliff promontory and view the craters that remain from See Bilbao’s avant-garde Guggenheim Museum, wrapped in shining waves of titanium.
D-Day bombardments. Survey the serene English Channel and reflect on the commemorative crosses and Stars of David in the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer.

Following lunch, continue to Arromanches to see the remnants of the temporary Mulberry “A” harbor that was taken across the English Channel to support Allied landings on the Normandy beaches. View a short documentary on the D-Day campaign or see the 230-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which chronicles the Norman Conquest of 1066.

Cruising the English Channel/River Thames, London, England Tuesday, May 10

This morning, attend an insightful lecture from Professor Eisenhower on board the ship.

Cruise the English Channel across the Strait of Dover and continue up the River Thames, a memorable passage possible only by small ship. See Britain’s history revealed as you pass the towering skyline of Canary Wharf and take in monumental views of Greenwich’s Observation Tower, the Tower of London, Norman Foster’s emerald-hued Gherkin and Renzo Piano’s sky-piercing Shard. Dock alongside HMS Belfast—whose guns fired some of the first shots on D-Day—in view of Tower Bridge. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

London/U.S. Wednesday, May 11

Following breakfast, disembark and continue on the London’s Enduring History Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Flat-bottomed rabelo boats once transported casks of port wine along the Douro River to the lodges of Oporto.

Old World Lisbon Pre-Program Option*

Experience the cinematic streetscapes, medieval passageways and timeless rituals of Lisbon, one of Europe’s most visually appealing capitals. Savor stunning Portuguese art on a walking tour of the Bairro Alto District; visit the fascinating Maritime Museum and Ajuda National Palace; and stop by the captivating five-story fortress of Belém Tower. Enjoy breathtaking views on a scenic drive to Sintra, immortalized in English poetry by Lord Byron and noted for its natural beauty and resplendent palaces. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe DOM PEDRO LISBOA.

London’s Enduring History Post-Program Option*

Explore the storied history and vibrant modernity of London, a compelling city that continues to rewrite its narrative and make each visit more enjoyable than the last. Visit the legendary Tower of London and Westminster Abbey, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, and step into Churchill’s Cabinet War Room—a once-in-a-lifetime glimpse into a secret World War II bunker where the Prime Minister and his staff charted a course to victory. Spend two nights in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL LONDON PARK LANE, ideally located near Buckingham Palace.

*The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design
Le Dumont-d’Urville, launched in 2019, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Respect for the Environment
A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le Dumont-d’Urville is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies
Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, a private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Chic and Casual Dining
Dine indoors or al fresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and full breakfasts, lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

Life on Board
Experience the Blue Eye, the world’s first underwater, multisensory Observation Lounge. Enjoy sweeping views from the upper lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, sauna or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.
Included Features

**Acclaimed Guest Speaker**
David Eisenhower—grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower—historian and professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

**On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship Le Dumont-d’Urville**
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi (conditions permitting).
- Excursion to Oporto, a UNESCO World Heritage site and center of the port wine trade.
- Excursion to the revered pilgrimage destination of Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Walking tour of UNESCO-designated Mont-Saint-Michel and a visit to its 11th-century abbey.
- Visit to Bilbao’s iconic Guggenheim Museum.
- Walking tour of Bilbao’s historical Casco Viejo.
- Full-day excursion to the historic Normandy D-Day beaches, including a visit to the American Military Cemetery.
- An opportunity to watch a short film documenting the D-Day campaign at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema or to see the legendary Bayeux Tapestry, chronicling the Norman Conquest of 1066.
- Once-in-a-lifetime cruise up the River Thames into the heart of London, followed by an overnight on board the ship docked near Tower Bridge.

**Always Included**
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
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- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Attend a poignant wreath-laying ceremony honoring our brave World War II veterans at the very beaches where the pivotal D-Day landings took place with

Dwight David Eisenhower II
Featured Guest Speaker

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Professor David Eisenhower is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School.

Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches “Communication and the Presidency.”

His lectures will feature:

◆ Operation Overlord—the concept, planning and personalities behind the D-Day invasion

◆ Triumph and Tragedy—big-picture consequences of the Allied forces’ Normandy landings

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.
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 Category | LAND/Cruise TARIFF excluding taxes* | Per person, based on double occupancy | Welcome Back Savings* through Dec. 31, 2021 | Tariff* after Dec. 31, 2021
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8 | Picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, forward (limited availability) | | $5495 | $6320
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*If taxes are an additional $496 per person and are subject to change.

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EUROPEAN COASTAL CIVILIZATIONS REGISTRATION FORM

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- Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Old World Lisbon
Pre-Program Option

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- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

London’s Enduring History
Post-Program Option

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- Single at $1495 per person.
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